Remarks

The preliminary amendment is used to eliminate multiple dependent claims by amending claim 5 of the annexes.

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Marked Up Version of Revised Claim Showing Changes

Method for welding together two pipes as claimed in [any of the preceding claims] <u>claim 1</u>, characterized in that each carrier is moved per welding pass over half a peripheral part of the pipes.